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Career Objective

I am seeking an opportunity to advocate for the social welfare of our society through NGO work, government, or religious organizations. Opportunities in which I can employ my writing talents would be especially ideal.

Qualifications

Excel in writing, creative writing
Computer proficient
Experienced with Microsoft Office
Professional leadership experience

Quick learner
Positive, focused attitude
Excel at creative problem solving
Safe Sanctuary training (not current)
Church leadership

Education

Park University, Parkville, MO. BA-English, minor-Philosophy. fall 2014-2023
Graduated with honors: Sigma Tau Delta English Honors' Society.
UMKC, Kansas City, MO. BA-English, minor- Classics: incomplete 2010-2012
Truman State University, Kirksville, MO. BA-English & Philosophy/Religion, minor-Classics: inc 2006-2009
North Kansas City HS, North Kansas City, MO. Gold Medallion Honors' diploma 2006

Job History

Cluster Truck Fleet Liaison. Self-employed delivery service. Maintained personal vehicle for food delivery, navigated the city. Wrote training material. Trained new hires. 2019-2025
Liaised between driver fleet, local kitchen, and corporate office.
Represented the restaurant at promotional events.

Wyandotte UMC Youth Director, Community Outreach Coordinator. Lead a small youth group and advocated for social justice on their behalf. Provided a devotional series for the congregation. Regularly preached as first alternate for Senior Pastor. 2019-2022

Uber & Lyft Driver. Self-employed transportation services. Maintains personal vehicle for public transportation, keep it provisioned with minor refreshments, and navigate the city to clients' desired destination while entertaining and (on occasion) witnessing. 2016-2019

Firehouse Subs Associate. Stocked and prepared food product, particularly meat slicing and delivery storage. Assisted in meeting customers' orders as needed, crafting each sandwich to exact specifications, and ran the cash register, inputting the orders for coworkers to fill. 2016-2017

Railcrew Xpress Shift Supervisor. Audited reports transmitted via e-mail or telephone for plausibility, ensuring they would meet clients' requirements and result in the company's timely reimbursement. Assisted, trained, and monitored others as they performed these tasks and developed software to help expedite calculations necessary for the reports we submitted. 2014-2016

Kelly Services Product Inspector. Surveyed product for quality control and packaged for delivery. 2013

Sam's Club Cart Associate. Maintained parking lot and kept store entrance stocked with carts. Ultimately became trainer and representative for my department in matters 2011-2013

of equipment disrepair, replacement, or acquisition. Consulted with the Safety Team for the store.

- Artists Helping the Homeless** *Administrative Assistant*. I Picked up clients, processed their information, and established current needs and means for on-site casework. Maintained positive atmosphere while transporting clients to their destination. Filed paperwork upon return to the offices. 2010-2011
- Concerned Care Inc.** *Camp Counselor*. Caretaker for special needs adolescents and youth. Instructed in vocational training. 2010, 2008

Lay Leadership

- Country Club UMC** *Staff/Parish Relations Committee member* starts 2019
- Country Club UMC** *Nominations Committee* 2017 & 2018
- Single Direction** *Director*. Conceptualized ministry, found venue and curriculum, designed ads, prepared and presented budget, led weekly meetings. 2017
- Church Choir** *vocalist/musician*. Sang base or tenor as needed, occasionally featured as soloist for special music as vocalist, on guitar, or saxophone. CCUMC 2016-present
Avondale UMC 2010-2014
TSU Wesley House 2006-2009
- First Baptist of NKC** *Intern to the Youth Pastor*. Observed and received training regarding the duties of a leader of youth and young adults in a worship setting. 2006
- Missouri Conference** *CCYM Deligate*. Helped plan, organize and lead events for fellow youth of the Missouri United Methodist conference including mission trips, "Winter Outreach Weekend" (WOW), and an Annual Conference choir 2003-2006
- Wyandotte UMC** *Youth Director/Community Outreach Coordinator* April 2018-June 2022

Achievements

- Park University** *The Navigator* academic journal: contributing author 2023
- Sigma Tau Delta** English Honors' Society. *Vice President*, Park University chapter. Featured for two convention presentations; one for literary analysis, the other for creative nonfiction. 2023
- Park University** *The Scribe* literature journal: contributing author, poetry 2017
- allpoetry.com** *Poet*: won 22 amateur poetry contest rewards 2001-2010
- NKC High School** *Gold Medallion* Honors' Diploma, top 10% Senior Thesis: "What are the Psychological Affects of Obeying the Sabbath?" 2006
- BSA Troop 288** Eagle Scout Award 2005
- BSA Troop 288** Senior Patrol Leader 2004-2005
- NKCSD's** *North Star* Creative Writing anthologies: contributing author, poetry 1996,1998

Personal References

- Rev. David Schanuel, family friend of 14 years and Boy Scout leader. (816)703-8324
- Rev. Jenn Klien, personal pastor at Country Club UMC. (816)769-2164
- Elizabeth Boman, family friend of 30 years, church affiliation, and Boy Scout leader. (816)452-6011